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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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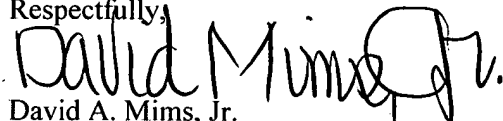
- 46 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
 7 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 20)
 7 Sheet(s) of formal drawings
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney
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